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# Women's Studies:

## New Approaches to Research

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### Program

1:00 p.m.

Introduction:

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**Fabienne Baider**

(Ph.D. candidate, French, UT)

**"From the Classics' prototypical 'weak woman' to the contemporary inferior social being"**

According to Hippocrates women are characterized by a 'lymphatic temperament.' This scientific 'prototype' is the basis of Plato's and Aristotle's arguments for considering women to be incomplete 'beings.' These concepts influenced the first descriptions of women and their social roles as depicted in French-Latin dictionaries. (delivered in French)

**Chantal Bertrand-Jennings** (Professor, French, UT)

**"Women's Romanticism"**

Including women's voices in the Romantic literary canon modifies the traditional notion of what Romanticism was in the first half of nineteenth-century France (delivered in French).

**Margot Irvine**

(Ph.D. candidate, French, UT)

**"The feminization of the description of artistic vocation, as exemplified in Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun's memoirs"**

The paper will show how Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun feminized the topoi that are normally found in male artist's biographies in order to justify her career as an artist while still trying to respect the codes that govern women's behavior in early nineteenth century France. (delivered in French)

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.

**AnneMarie Gockel**

(MSW candidate, Social Work, UT)

**"Changing Patterns: Developing Feminist Approaches to Addictions Treatment for Women"**

Sexism within the drug treatment field has meant that women have historically experienced barriers to identifying drug problems and to seeking and securing effective treatment. Due to feminist critiques more research on women's problems is being funded and treatment centres are beginning to address women's particular needs and to dismantle the treatment barriers women experience. (delivered in English)

**Zahra Merali**

(M.A. candidate, Philosophy, UT)

**"The Case for a Feminist Theory of Adjudication: Equality, Jurisprudence, and the Self"**

To have a coherent idea of self-identity and to alleviate oppression that leads to substantive inequality, we need a concept of the self that embraces self-integrity, defined as a relational ontology of an embodied and embedded self. Self-integrity can begin to redress the hierarchical structures that lead to substantive inequality and to determine the nature of the adjudicative model that flows from it. (delivered in English)

Respondent:

**Judith Whitehead**

(Lecturer, Women's Studies, Simone de Beauvoir Institute)

5:00 p.m.

Refreshments